

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 34, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Fig. 3 shows, in part in side view and in part in plan view, a vacuum roll 4. However, this may also be a stripping roll 8 aided by a guide roll 11, from which strips 6, cut by a circular knife roll (not shown), are transported in the width of the original web of material 2. For linear take-off of a plurality of strips 6 there are provided vacuum conveyor channels or take-up channels 12, each formed, for example, between two cover plates 13 and 14. Finally, Fig. 4 shows an alternative embodiment of the device wherein as means for drawing the material web 2 and for transport thereof during separation of the web of material in strips 6 in cooperation with a multiple circular knife roll 5 there is provided instead of a vacuum roll a smooth stripping roll 8 which is arranged in a zone in which the material web 2 travels around the roll and is adapted so as to cooperate with a pressure roll 10 and a guide roll 11.